

Twitter

- www.twitter.com
- Need an account
- Search for an author's name
 - JK Rowling, Veronica Roth, Rick Riordan, Orson Scott Card, Jodi Picoult
 - Blue checkmark indicates its an official account—managed by the author
- Some “fake” author accounts might be interesting too
 - Parodies, quotes, facts
 - Charles Dickens, Jane Austen, Erich Maria Remarque
- Search for characters
 - Professor Snape, Draco Malfoy, Katniss Everdeen
 - WARNING: some are not appropriate—make sure to screen/filter them

Skype an Author

- skypeanauthor.wikifoundry.com
- Downsides: I haven't heard of any of the authors
 - Looks like several elementary authors/picture books?
 - Includes some young adult authors
- Most offer at least a 10 minute meet-the-author session at no cost
 - Some are longer: 15-20 minutes
 - Extensive interviews cost money
 - Some sessions will let you record the session to play at another time (works well for multiple classes)
- Ideally, this would work best if the entire class read a book by the author, but it could also be used for an individual student or a group of students interested in the author

Book Trailers

- This is where I spent most of my time
- Three options
 - Can make your own using iMovie, keynote, prezzi, podcasts, etc.
 - Have the kids make them—good assignment for finishing a book as a class or for assigning individual books to students
 - Steal trailers that are already made (my favorite option)
- YouTube
 - www.youtube.com
 - Do a general search for “book trailers”
 - Search specifically “book trailers for . . .” and pick an option that pops up
 - Search by book title: “All Quiet on the Western Front book trailer”
 - You'll be surprised what you might find
 - There are many user created book trailers
 - Don't forget to check out the related videos on the righthand side of the page—you can find some gems here
 - Search for specific publishers or users and look at their playlists to see their videos
 - Bookshelfvideos
 - The Children's Book Council
 - Scholastic (has book talks and author interviews)

- Book Trailers For All
- Random House Kids
- Knopf Double Day
- Harper Teen
- Penguin Teen
- Expanded Books
- Epic Reads (not necessarily book trailers, but some cool things for book lovers)
 - 6 Ominous Opening Lines from YA Books
 - Book Nerd Problems
- You can create a playlist of movies you want to access later (need an account for this)
- Other sites with trailers:
 - <http://www.homepages.dsu.edu/mgeary/booktrailers/adolescent.htm> (has a list and links to the youtube video)
 - <http://teens.arapahoelibraries.org/go2.cfm?tid=37>
 - <http://www.digitalbooktalk.net/browse-books/trailer-list/>
 - <http://fisdbooktrailers.pbworks.com/w/page/31449210/Secondary-Book-Trailers>
 - videos.simonandschuster.net
- Completely unrelated, but I stumbled upon this song while searching for book trailers
 - Julian Smith's "I'm Reading a Book"

BookDrum.com

- "The perfect companion to the books we love, bringing them to life with immersive pictures, videos, maps, and music."
- Sections:
 - Why should I read it?
 - Summary, characters, etc.
 - Bookmarks: pulls out quotes from the novel and couples them with info and pictures
 - Author info
 - Map of places mentioned in the book

Barnes & Noble Studio

- <http://www.barnesandnoble.com/bn-studio/videos-podcasts/>
- Online story time: books read out loud
 - Only children's books
- Book Files: author insight into his/her books
- Author interviews
- Book Trailers
 - Thousands available
 - Can filter by children and teens
- Books on Film

Read Alikes

- <http://atn-reading-lists.wikispaces.com/Read+Alikes>
- If you liked . . . , then you might like . . .
- Good source to recommend other books

Word Clouds

- www.tagul.com
- Need an account
- Guess the book
 - Include words related to the book: character names, locations, words that describe events or themes of the book
- Make a cloud advertisement using the book
- Make an author cloud—include titles, topics, and themes of books

YA Book Reviews in 100 Words or Less

- <http://ya100words.blogspot.com>

Book Slideshows

- Use pictures of book covers
 - Alone
 - With people holding the books (Recommended by. . .)
- Books can be random or have a thematic approach (best sellers, new releases, horror, coming of age)
- Set computer up to play the slideshow at the beginning/end of class or between classes
- Set up to play on a digital picture frame (frees up your computer)

Battle of the Books

- <http://blogs.slj.com/battleofthebooks/brackets/>
- Only in March (or you can set up your own)
- Books compete against each other to be the best
 - Students vote on which book they like better
- Students fill out a book bracket (like you'd do for basketball)
 - Students get points based on correct predictions
 - Ultimate winner at the end—student with the most points

Google Lit Trips

- <http://www.googlelitrrips.com/GoogleLit/Home.html>
- Need to download Google Earth
- Can view an interactive map of locations mentioned in books